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SUBJECT:SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING - DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

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FOLLOWING IS UNCLEARED STATE DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOR UPCOMING U.S.-ROK SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING. DRAFT INCORPORATES WHERE APPROPRIATE, EMBASSY, COMUSK AND CINCPAC SUGGESTIONS WHICH WERE ESPECIALLY HELPFUL. DOD PRESENTLY REVIEWING STATE DRAFT WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WITH DEPSECDEF ON BOARD PLANE CARRYING WASHINGTON DELEGATION TO SCM. DRAFT BEING SENT YOU IN THIS FORM SO THAT YOU WILL BE AWARE OF CHANGES BEING PROPOSED TO ROK VERSION. DRAFT SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE PROVIDED TO ROKG.

QUOTE. 1. THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WAS HELD IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, SEPTEMBER 23-24, 1974, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT ON FEBRUARY 6, 1971, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED

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STATES OF AMERICA, AND AS AGREED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1973 AT

THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN SEOUL.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SUH JYONG CHUL AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, TOGETHER WITH SENIOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS, PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING. EARLIER, MINISTER SUH MET WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AS WELL AS OFFICIALS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN WASHINGTON, AND ALSO MADE VISITS TO DEFENSE AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES ELSEWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY CLEMENTS EXAMINED THE SITUATION IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION IN GENERAL, AND MATTERS AFFECTING THE SECURITY OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN PARTICULAR. THEY JOINTLY ASSESSED AND EVALUATED THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE MILITARY THREAT FACING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND DISCUSSED CONCRETELY THE CAPABILITIES AND READINESS TO DEFEND AGAINST THAT THREAT.

MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY CLEMENTS NOTED THAT THE MILITARY CAPABILITIES OF NORTH KOREA CONTINUE TO POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. IN THIS CONNECTION, MINISTER SUH POINTED OUT THE INCREASINGLY OFFENSIVE ORIENTATION OF THE NORTH KOREAN MILITARY POSTURE, INCLUDING A CONTINUED INTRODUCTION OF MORE SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT FOR LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES. HE ALSO DESCRIBED IN DETAIL THE ARMED PROVOCATIONS PERPETRATED BY THE NORTH KOREANS IN VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT SINCE THE LAST MEETING. SECRETARY CLEMENTS TOOK NOTE OF MINISTER SUH'S DESCRIPTION OF THE SITUATION, AND AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING VIGILANCE TO INSURE PEACE AND MILITARY STABILITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

3. BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND TO KEEP THE COMBINED FORCES DEFENDING KOREA AT A SUFFICIENT STATUS OF READINESS TO PREVENT THE RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES AND MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE PENINSULA. IN THIS CONNECTION, SECRETARY CLEMENTS REAFFIRMED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HAS

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NO PLANS TO REDUCE THE PRESENT LEVEL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES STATIONED IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

4. THE TWO DELEGATIONS REVIEWED THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO REDUCE TENSIONS ON THE PENINSULA, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THE SPECIAL STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE ON JUNE 23, 1973 AND ON AUGUST 15, 1974 AS WELL. THEY REASSERTED THEIR

VIEW THAT THESE PROPOSALS PROVIDE A CONSTRUCTIVE AND
REASONABLE APPROACH TO UNIFICATION, AND STABILITY IN ASIA,
AND THEY CALLED AGAIN ON THE NORTH TO DEMONSTRATE ITS
INTENTION TO RESOLVE THE KOREAN PROBLEM PEACEFULLY BY
ACCEPTANCE OF THESE PROPOSALS.

5. SECRETARY CLEMENTS REASSURED MINISTER SUH OF THE
CONTINUED READINESS AND DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES
TO RENDER PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE IN THE EVENT OF
ARMED ATTACK AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

BOTH MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY CLEMENTS REAFFIRMED THE
TRADITIONAL BOND EXISTING BETWEEN THEIR TWO COUNTRIES AND
RESOLVED TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN IT IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL
RESPECT AND COOPERATION.

THEY AGREED THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE THEIR
PRACTICE OF CLOSE CONSULTATION ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE
SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND OF THE ASIAN AND
PACIFIC REGION.

6. MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY CLEMENTS REVIEWED THE
PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNIZATION
PROGRAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMED FORCES WHICH WAS
AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KOREA AND OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AS CONTAINED IN
THE JOINT STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1971.

THE TWO DELEGATES NOTED THAT THE ORDERLY AND EXPEDITIOUS
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IS VITAL TO
THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TO PEACE ON THE
PENINSULA. IN THIS CONNECTION, SECRETARY CLEMENTS
REITERATED THAT THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO RECOGNIZE
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THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S NEED FOR A SUFFICIENT LEVEL OF
MILITARY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING THAT REQUIRED FOR THE
MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. HE ASSURED MINISTER SUH THAT THE
UNITED STATES WOULD STRIVE TO ASSIST KOREA TO MEET THAT
NEED.

7. MINISTER SUH EXPRESSED HIS SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR
THE ACTIVE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE PROVIDED THUS FAR BY
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
DEFENSE INDUSTRIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, ESPECIALLY
AS CONCERN ASPECTS OF OVERALL POLICY, TECHNOLOGY AND
FINANCE. HE REQUESTED SECRETARY CLEMENTS TO CONTINUE TO
RENDER NECESSARY SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.

SECRETARY CLEMENTS EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN THE

EFFORTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO DEVELOP ITS SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE CAPABILITIES AND ASSURED THAT HE WOULD RENDER APPROPRIATE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO REPUBLIC OF KOREA EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD.

8. BOTH DELEGATES AGREED THAT THE NEXT ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN 1975 AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

9. MINISTER SUH EXPRESSED HIS SINCERE APPRECIATION TO SECRETARY CLEMENTS FOR THE COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND HIS DELEGATION, AND FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH ASSURED THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING.
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